



Memorandum

Recreation Department

DATE: February 7, 2009

TO: All Winter Youth Basketball Coaches

FROM: Steven W. Scott, Recreation Supervisor III

SUBJECT: Playoff Rule Changes

The playoffs will begin February 21, 2009, with championship games being played on March 7, 2009, (There are no playoffs for "D" league teams). There are several rule changes that you all need to remember, and here they are!

During the playoffs, the SCMAF Minimum/Maximum play rule will be utilized.
This rule reads as follows:

1. Each player must play a minimum of five (5) consecutive minutes in each half. An official's time out, not charged to either team, shall be called at the nearest midway point of the quarter or on the next dead ball, for the sole purpose of substitutions to meet the minimum play rule. Players must start his/her consecutive minutes at either the beginning or the midpoint of a quarter in each half. Consecutive minutes begun in one quarter may not be carried over into the next quarter or half.
2. Late arriving players: Players reporting to the scorekeeper with more than five minutes remaining in the first half must meet the requirement of five consecutive minutes played in the first half. Players reporting to the official scorekeeper with less than five minutes remaining in the first half may not participate until the second half. Player must meet the minimum play requirements of five consecutive minutes in the second half.
3. Each player must be out of the game a minimum of five (5) consecutive minutes. Each player's time on the bench must start at either the beginning or midpoint of a quarter in either half. Consecutive minutes begun in one quarter may not be carried over into the next quarter or half.
4. Exceptions to the minimum/maximum play rule are allowed for players who are unable to participate due to injury or disqualification.
5. Penalty for non-compliance will be forfeiture of the game.

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Please make sure you share this information with your players and their parents before the playoffs begin.

Playoff schedules will be distributed before the games on February 14, 2009, and they will be posted on large posters at all the centers where games & practices have been held during the season. Teams will be seeded by their win – loss record. Ties will be broken by head to head competition, point differential, and a flip of the coin. The higher seeded teams will play the lower seeded teams in the first round and so on.

If you have any questions regarding the schedules, please feel free to call my office at 619-585-5653. I am in the office Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The best time to reach me is before noon each day.

GOOD LUCK!